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- R is unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkenyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclyl, or -SR<sub>6</sub>; and
- R<sub>6</sub> is unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkenyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl or unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclyl,
- X<sub>1</sub> is a leaving group;
- with a halogenating agent, in the presence of a base. --

#### REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claim 10 is the only claim pending in the instant case. The preliminary amendment amends the original application to claim step (a) of original claim 1. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by the instant amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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